



Neighbors on the Move: *The Galveston Neighborhood*

Over the years, the Galveston Neighborhood Organization has become a role model for other neighborhoods wishing to organize a traditional neighborhood group or simply reviving one that already exists. They promote safety, community engagement, and focus on revitalizing their neighborhood.

The group's leader, Joe Diaz has lived in the neighborhood for more than thirty years. Joe is the quintessential leader, with a presence as warm as it is welcoming, which probably accounts for the reason that the Galveston Neighborhood meetings are so well attended.

In addition to organizing the neighborhood meetings, Diaz publishes a neighborhood newsletter in both English and Spanish, which is circulated to all households within their boundaries. The *Galveston Neighborhood Newsletter* is unique because not only is it a vital communication tool, but it is a true grassroots effort to get the community involved in the neighborhood and sustain those efforts over time.

Neighbors have formed informal partnerships with the local elementary school and the City. The bi-monthly meetings are held in the Galveston school's multi-purpose room.

Neighbors have worked closely with the City to make enhancements. Major improvements were made to Galveston Meadows Basin, including the addition of drinking fountains, benches, soccer goals, playground equipment and lighting.

In addition to the basin improvements, sidewalks were added along the perimeter of the school.

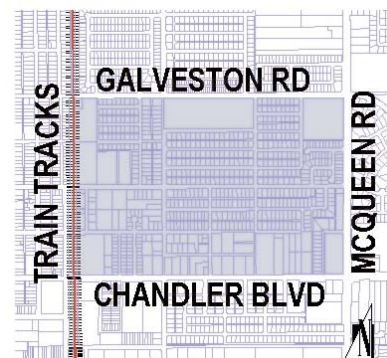
The quality of the housing stock in the neighborhood has significantly improved. Through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program 34 homes have undergone rehabilitation over the past three years.

When asked what makes the Galveston Neighborhood so successful, Patrick Tyrrell, Chandler Community Development Coordinator replied, *"it is truly a place where dedicated neighbors have committed to helping one another. It's the neighbors who make concerted efforts to communicate with one another about what is going on [in the neighborhood], and what resources are available."*

The Galveston Neighbors have learned that although neighborhood work can be a slow, messy business; consistent, long-term commitment to neighborhoods gets results.

For more information about the Galveston Neighborhood Organization, contact Neighborhood Programs, at (480) 782-3227.

Galveston Neighborhood Boundaries:



“ The best leaders are very often the best listeners. They have an open mind. They are not interested in having their own way but in finding the best way.”

--Wilfred Peterson

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NEIGHBORHOOD *Classes*

The Leadership Centre

Achieving CC&R Compliance

October 23, 2004

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CC&R enforcement is much more than issuing violation notices. Learn successful strategies of a master planned community and how they keep residents in compliance while creating a community atmosphere; compare Code Compliance similarities of most CC&Rs and City Codes.

Legal Aspects

September 25, 2004

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The practical foundations on the legal aspects of HOAs. Learn current industry trends.

Budgets, Financial Reports & Reserve Studies

September 11, 2004

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Not a CPA? Learn how to build an accurate budget that will report the true financial condition of your association; Learn budget prep 101 ... who to call and why; the good, the bad, and the truth behind cash or accrual accounting; reserve studies- more than an educated guess and why they are an important budgeting tool.

Transition: Developer To Homeowner Control

October 9, 2004

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This class is designed to help homeowners in new associations through the process of transition. Learn a checklist of responsibilities for developer / builders and the resident board.

Landscape Maintenance & Water Conservation

September 25, 2004

October 23, 2004

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Weeds, turf, trees, shrubs, drip lines, common areas, front yards when to plant, what to plant and where to plant. Learn the basics of Arizona plant material and water conservation tips. Learn about common area improvements, composting, water wise plants, flowers and starting a garden.

Communication Techniques

October 9, 2004

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

More than e-mail and cell phones. Learn ways to reach participants within you group, homeowners associations and community; learn creative communication techniques.

Conflict Resolution

December 11, 2004

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Everyone deals with conflict on a daily basis, at home, at work or your neighborhoods. Learn what you can do to transform conflict from a negative influence on your life into a positive opportunity to reach agreement in a peaceful, harmonious way. Learn origins and responses to conflict; identify essential principles of conflict resolution; recognize and use problem-solving processes.

HOA 101

November 20, 2004

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Your HOA is a business. Learn the basics to keep this business running smoothly. Review common language found in CC&Rs and bylaws, duties and obligations of the board, and your rights and obligations as homeowners.

All classes are held at
Chandler-Gilbert Community
College located at 2626 E. Pecos Rd.,
Chandler, AZ Registration is required.
Registration Cost is \$25.

For more information on the classes listed
here, please contact The Leadership Centre:
Web: <http://www.theleadershipcentre.org>
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PROCESS FOR INITIATING AND EVALUATING NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

1) A resident calls or writes to the City's Traffic Engineering section to report a problem involving excessive traffic volume and/or traffic speed along a local or collector street through a residential area.

2) Traffic Engineering staff surveys conditions (street type, street design, land uses, and traffic volume and/or speeds).

3) Based on the survey of conditions, measures with minor impacts are suggested to the resident, as appropriate for conditions.

4) If minor impact measures have already been implemented in the neighborhood, but these measures are not acceptable to the resident(s) and follow-up surveys by Traffic Engineering staff indicate that the minor impact measures were ineffective, a traffic calming project is suggested.

5) The resident completes a Traffic Calming Request form provided by the City, showing the names of at least five residents from separate households in the neighborhood who are willing to assist City staff with identification and evaluation of traffic calming measures. Upon receipt of this form, Traffic Engineering staff helps the neighborhood group to organize and distribute notice of a neighborhood meeting on traffic calming.

6) A neighborhood meeting is held to identify traffic-related concerns, to establish the area of concern,

and to form a Committee of residents willing to work on identification and evaluation of traffic calming measures.

7) City staff assists the Committee in evaluating the effectiveness and potential adverse impacts of neighborhood traffic calming measures desired by the Committee.

8) A second neighborhood meeting is held to obtain comments on measures proposed by the Committee. If proposed measures are not favored by a majority of residents, the Committee may choose to continue to work on evaluating alternative measures, to circulate petitions, or to discontinue the traffic calming project.

9) When the second or subsequent neighborhood meeting(s) indicates that measures proposed by the Committee are generally acceptable, petitions provided by the City are circulated by the Committee to demonstrate the required level of area-wide support. Generally, 75 percent of the residents in the affected area must be in favor of the traffic calming measure, including 100 percent of those property owners who would be located within 100 feet of speed humps, diverters, traffic circles, chicanes, chokers or similar traffic calming devices.



TRAFFIC CALMING

10) City staff estimates implementation costs for measures found to be warranted, and the project is ranked by Traffic Engineering staff relative to other traffic calming projects under consideration. Highest priority projects will be funded to the extent of funds available for traffic calming in the current fiscal year.

For more information on evaluation criteria, petition requirements, warrants for implementation and financing information, please visit Traffic Engineering on the world wide web at <http://www.chandleraz.gov/> click on Transportation, click on Traffic Calming Measures and Traffic Volumes, or call [Traffic Engineering](tel:4807823454), at (480) 782-3454.

Civic Engagement In America

Report Available Online

The Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America, an exciting initiative of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, focused on expanding what we know about our levels of trust and community engagement and on developing strategies to increase civic participation. Their final report, "Bettertogether" available free of charge at www.BetterTogether.org.

What You Can Do To Build Social Capital

1. Organize a social gathering to welcome a new neighbor
2. Attend town meetings
3. Register to vote and vote
4. Support local merchants
5. Donate blood (with a friend!)
6. Start a community garden
7. Mentor someone of a different ethnic or religious group
8. Surprise a new neighbor by making a favorite dinner- and include the recipe
9. Tape record your parents' earliest recollections and share them with your kids
10. Plan a vacation with friends or family
11. Avoid gossip
12. Help fix someone's flat tire
13. Organize or participate in a sports league
14. Join a gardening club
15. Attend home parties when invited
16. Become an organ donor or blood marrow donor.
17. Attend your children's athletic contests, plays and recitals
18. Get to know your children's teachers
19. Start a monthly tea group
20. Speak at or host a monthly brown bag lunch series at your local library
21. Sing in a choir
22. Get to know the clerks and salespeople at your local stores
23. Attend PTA meetings
24. Audition for community theater or volunteer to usher
25. Attend school plays
26. Start or join a carpool
27. Answer surveys when asked
28. Give your park a weatherproof chess/checkers board
29. Play cards with friends or neighbors
30. Give to your local food bank
31. Walk or bike to support a cause and meet others
32. Join or start a babysitting cooperative
33. Attend Memorial Day parades and express appreciation for others
34. Form a local outdoor activity group
35. Participate in political campaigns
36. Attend a local budget committee meeting
37. Form a computer group for local senior citizens
38. Start a lunch gathering or a discussion group with co-workers
39. Plan a "Walking Tour" of a local historic area
40. Eat breakfast at a local gathering spot on Saturdays
41. Have family dinners and read to your children
42. Host a block party or a holiday open house
43. Start a fix-it group-friends willing to help each other clean, paint, garden, etc.
44. Offer to serve on a town committee
45. Offer to rake a neighbor's yard
46. Host a potluck supper before your City Meeting
47. Take dance lessons with a friend
48. Say "thanks" to public servants - police, firefighters, town clerk...
49. Join a nonprofit board of directors
50. When somebody says "government stinks," suggest they help fix it
51. Hold a neighborhood barbecue

For 90 additional ideas, visit: www.bettertogether.org



FACTOIDS:

We are bowling alone. More Americans are bowling than ever before, but they are not bowling in leagues.

Quitting smoking or joining a club, it's a tough call which would improve your life expectancy more. Joining one group cuts your odds of dying over the next year in half. Joining two groups cuts it by three quarters.

Each 10 minutes of additional commuting time cuts all forms of social capital by 10 % 10 % less church-going, 10 % fewer club meetings, 10 % fewer evenings with friends, etc.

Social capital is the best variable to successfully predict levels of tax compliance state-by-state.

If you had to choose between 10% more cops on the beat or 10% more citizens knowing their neighbors' first names, the latter is a better crime prevention strategy. If you had to choose between 10% more teachers or 10% more parents being involved in their kids' education, the latter is a better route to educational achievement.

Family dinners and family vacations or even just sitting and talking with your family are down by 1/3 in last 25 years.

Having friends over to the house is down by 45% over last 25 years.

Participation in clubs and civic organizations has been cut by more than 1/2 over last 25 years.

Involvement in community life, such as public meetings is down by 35% over last 25 years.

Church attendance is down by roughly 1/3 since 1960s.

Philanthropy as fraction of income is down by nearly 1/3 since 1960s.

<http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/saguaro/factoids.htm>

WHY *Preserve?*

Becoming a preservationist doesn't require learning lots of esoteric vocabulary, buying an old house, or suffering through a boring lecture. Fun, everyday activities such as going to the movies and taking a walk are great ways to enjoy America's heritage and protect it at the same time. Learn more with the National Trust's list of 10 easy ways to preserve.

1. Explore your family's history. Show your kids the places where you went to school or where you got married; take your parents to a place that's important in your life.

2. Walk or bike. Getting out of your car allows you to appreciate the buildings and parks that make up the place you live, and you'll also have a much better chance of catching up with your friends and neighbors.

3. Shop on Main Street. Traditional commercial districts not only have appealing buildings-look up and admire the detail of the upper floors-but they also feature locally-owned stores that are vital parts of your community.

4. Tour your hometown. Visit a historic site in your area or stop by the local historical society or museum. Check the events calendar in the newspaper or on the Web, then go to one of the street fairs or ethnic festivals or neighborhood tours you've always meant to enjoy.

5. Read all about it. Every community has a book about its local history, and many have more than one. They're available at the local library (often a historic place itself) or at the historical society.

6. Entertain yourself surrounded by history. Attend live performance or movie at a historic theater, or eat at a restaurant in an historic building. If you like the atmosphere, tell the owner or host.

7. Join an organization -- even better, more than one -- dedicated to preservation.

8. Sleep in a historic place. There are historic inns and B&B across the country.

9. Ask your neighbors about your neighborhood. Talk to people who've lived on your street longer than you have. Find out what they remember about living there, and about the people who have moved on.

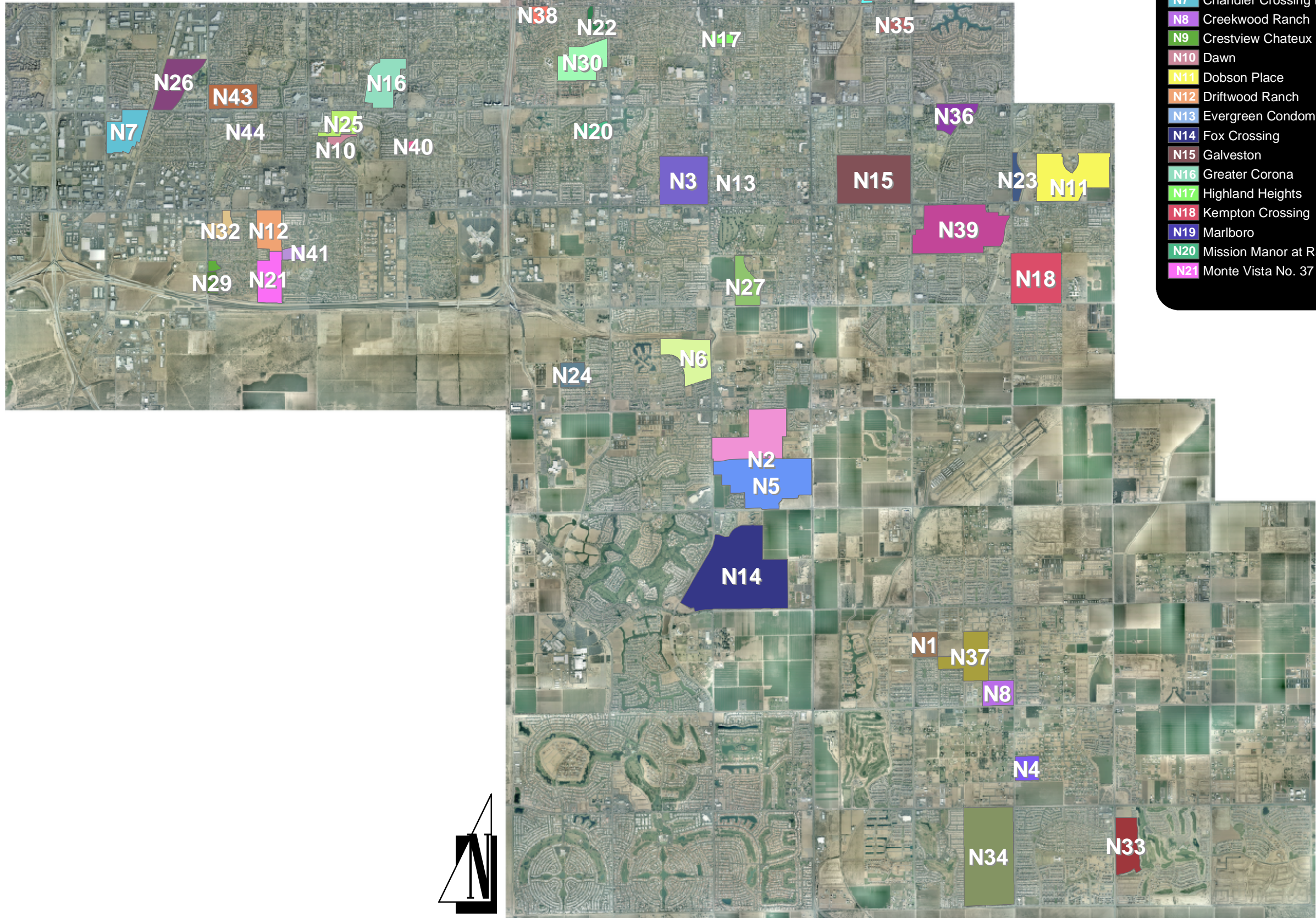
10. Visit some sacred history. Churches are often among a community's oldest and most beautiful buildings, and cemeteries reveal the fascinating lives those who came before.

Source:

http://www.nationaltrust.org/why_preserve.html?cat=7



CITY OF CHANDLER REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOODS



Neighborhood

N1	Alamosa Estates	N22	Old West Manor III
N2	Arden Park	N23	Park Village
N3	Arrowhead Meadows	N24	Pecos Ranch Estates
N4	Barrington HOA	N25	Premiere at Desert Breeze HOA
N5	Carino Estates HOA	N26	Ray Ranch
N6	Carizal HOA	N27	San Marcos Estates
N7	Chandler Crossing Estates	N28	San Vicente
N8	Creekwood Ranch	N29	Silverbush
N9	Crestview Chateaux	N30	Silvergate III
N10	Dawn	N31	Sonoma Village
N11	Dobson Place	N32	Sorento
N12	Driftwood Ranch	N33	Springfield Lakes Reflection & Discovery
N13	Evergreen Condominium Assoc.	N34	Sunbird Golf Resort
N14	Fox Crossing	N35	Sunstone II
N15	Galveston	N36	Superstition Ranch CA
N16	Greater Corona	N37	Symphony II Estates
N17	Highland Heights	N38	The Cove at Tiburon
N18	Kempton Crossing	N39	The Springs HOA
N19	Marlboro	N40	Townes at South Meadow
N20	Mission Manor at Ray Ranch	N41	Trade Winds at Twelve Oaks
N21	Monte Vista No. 37	N42	Tremaine Park
		N43	Warner Ranch Phase III
		N44	Wellington Estates of Gila Springs HOA

SAVE-THE-DATE

Did you know the City of Chandler Neighborhood Matching Grant Program provides matching funds of up to \$5,000 to organized neighborhood groups and homeowners associations? The program is designed to assist neighborhood groups to strengthen the social network of their community while dealing creatively with important concerns.

Neighborhoods who are interested in submitting a grant request are strongly encouraged to attend a Grant Seeker Orientation Workshop. The next workshop is scheduled for October 2, 2004 at 10 a.m. will be held at 215 E. Buffalo Street in the South Atrium Conference Room.

To request a copy of the guidelines and application, or to register for the orientation workshop, please contact Pam Meadows, at (480) 782-3249.

OCTOBER 2



"We need to look at front porches as crime fighting tools, treat picnics as public health efforts and see choral groups as occasions of democracy. We will become a better place when assessing social capital impact becomes a standard part of decision making." Lew Feldstein

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